

PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD'S DECISION

APPELLANT: Rajashree Sen  
DOCKET NO.: 04-22217.001-R-1 and 04-22217.002-R-1  
PARCEL NO.: 10-16-418-020 and 10-16-418-021

The parties of record before the Property Tax Appeal Board (hereinafter PTAB) are Rajashree Sen, the appellant, by Attorney Gary H. Smith in Chicago; and the Cook County Board of Review.

The subject property consists of two 3,600 square foot parcels improved with a 53-year old, two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling with the improvement assessment prorated over the two parcels. The improvement contains 3,868 square feet of living area as well as a full basement, air conditioning, four bathrooms and four apartments.

At hearing, the appellant's attorney argued that there was unequal treatment in the assessment process of the improvement as the basis of this appeal.

The appellant's pleadings included data and descriptions of four suggested comparables located within the subject's neighborhood. The suggested comparables are improved with a two-story, multi-family dwelling of masonry exterior construction with three bathrooms. They range: in age from 41 to 78 years; in size from 4,020 to 4,404 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$11.07 to \$11.76 per square foot. Amenities for three of the four properties include a full basement and a two-car garage.

At hearing, the appellant's attorney asserted that the suggested comparables are located with a one-half mile's radius of the subject. As a result of this analysis, the appellant requested a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment.

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Based on the facts and exhibits presented, the Property Tax Appeal Board hereby finds no change in the assessment of the property as established by the COOK County Board of Review is warranted. The correct assessed valuations of the property are:

DOCKET #	PIN	LAND	IMPROVEMENT	TOTAL
04-22217.001-R-1	10-16-418-020	\$ 3,456	\$ 24,177	\$ 27,633
04-22217.002-R-1	10-16-418-021	\$ 3,103	\$ 24,177	\$ 27,280

Subject only to the State multiplier as applicable.

The board of review submitted "Board of Review Notes on Appeal" wherein the board's final assessment decision was presented reflecting a total improvement assessment for the subject's two parcels of \$48,354 or \$12.50 per square foot. The board of review also submitted copies of property characteristic printouts for the subject and three suggested comparables. The properties contain a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling with four apartments therein located within the subject's neighborhood. They range in age from 52 to 53 years and in size from 3,890 to 4,004 square feet of living area. Amenities include a full basement, while one property also contains a two-car garage. The improvement assessments range from \$12.67 to \$12.80 per square foot. In addition, the board submitted copies of its file from the board of review's level appeal.

At hearing, the board's representative testified that one of the board's properties is located on the same block, as is the subject property. As a result of its analysis, the board requested confirmation of the subject's assessment.

After hearing the testimony and considering the evidence, the Property Tax Appeal Board finds that it has jurisdiction over the parties and the subject matter of this appeal.

The Illinois Supreme Court has held that taxpayers who object to an assessment on the basis of lack of uniformity bear the burden of proving the disparity of assessment valuations by clear and convincing evidence. Kankakee County Board of Review v. Property Tax Appeal Board, 131 Ill.2d 1 (1989). The evidence must demonstrate a consistent pattern of assessment inequities within the assessment jurisdiction. The PTAB finds that the appellant has not met this burden and that a reduction in the subject's assessment is not warranted.

In totality, the parties submitted seven equity comparables. The PTAB finds that the board of review's comparables are most similar to the subject property. These three comparables contain a two-story, masonry, multi-family dwelling with four apartments therein located within the subject's neighborhood. They range: in age from 52 to 53 years; in size from 3,890 to 4,004 square feet of living area; and in improvement assessments from \$12.67 to \$12.80 per square foot. In comparison, the subject's 3,868 square foot improvement contains an improvement assessment at \$12.50 per square foot of living area, which is below the range established by these comparables.

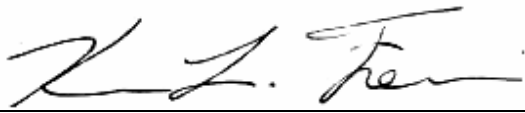
The PTAB further finds that the appellant's properties were accorded diminished weight due to a disparity in improvement size and age.

On the basis of the evidence submitted, the PTAB finds that the evidence has not demonstrated that the subject's improvement is assessed in excess of that which equity dictates. Therefore, the PTAB finds that a reduction in the subject's improvement assessment is not warranted.

This is a final administrative decision of the Property Tax Appeal Board which is subject to review in the Circuit Court or Appellate Court under the provisions of the Administrative Review Law (735 ILCS 5/3-101 et seq.) and section 16-195 of the Property Tax Code.



Chairman



Member



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DISSENTING: \_\_\_\_\_

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

As Clerk of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board and the keeper of the Records thereof, I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true, full and complete Final Administrative Decision of the Illinois Property Tax Appeal Board issued this date in the above entitled appeal, now of record in this said office.

Date: June 27, 2008



Clerk of the Property Tax Appeal Board

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

Section 16-185 of the Property Tax Code provides in part:

"If the Property Tax Appeal Board renders a decision lowering the assessment of a particular parcel after the deadline for filing

complaints with the Board of Review or after adjournment of the session of the Board of Review at which assessments for the subsequent year are being considered, the taxpayer may, within 30 days after the date of written notice of the Property Tax Appeal Board's decision, appeal the assessment for the subsequent year directly to the Property Tax Appeal Board."

In order to comply with the above provision, YOU MUST FILE A PETITION AND EVIDENCE WITH THE PROPERTY TAX APPEAL BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THE ENCLOSED DECISION IN ORDER TO APPEAL THE ASSESSMENT OF THE PROPERTY FOR THE SUBSEQUENT YEAR.

Based upon the issuance of a lowered assessment by the Property Tax Appeal Board, the refund of paid property taxes is the responsibility of your County Treasurer. Please contact that office with any questions you may have regarding the refund of paid property taxes.